

Today's News - Tuesday, November 13, 2007

Will it be back to the drawing board for Miami's Bicentennial Park? – Bayley's blissful musings on Liverpool's graceful to garish to grandiose architecture. – New bling for Dallas skyline (weather reports included). – Hume fumes over Toronto's single-story creep and growing suburbanization. – Despite complaints, Dhaka University defacing its architectural heritage. – Santa Monica neighbors get riled over plans for modern in historic district. – Prefab gaining clout in U.K. – Billy Graham Library "is not very illuminating" (though kids will like the cow). – ROM's new piano will be in the key of Libeskind (and a pix to prove it). – The Wright stuff drawing crowds to Florida Southern College. – Inventive recycle bins may be in store for Springfield, MO. – More voices raised in protest to Chinese artist sculpting Martin Luther King, Jr. memorial (never mind the architect is the nation's oldest women/minority-owned design firm). – Boddy sees the future of urban development in the Urban Development Institute (UDI) award winners. – King ponders San Francisco's oil spill and welcomes two new books. – Hawthorne starts a series walking the streets of L.A. with those who see the cityscape in unusual or provocative ways. – 2007 American Architecture Awards Winners on view in NYC. – Call for entries (U.K. only): Next Generation Architects. – Editor's note: we hear NYC is considering a "pigeon czar"...doesn't every city have one?!!?

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[Revised Miami Museum Park plan to be unveiled: Miami city officials are concerned that plans for a redesign of Bicentennial Park are too elaborate and pricey...tussle over the plan reflects different notions of what a city park should be. – Cooper, Robertson & Partners; Civitas; Herzog & de Meuron; Grimshaw \[image\]](#)- Miami Herald

[Grand Designs: From the graceful to the garish and the grandiose, Liverpool's unique architectural character is the key to its past - and future. By Stephen Bayley – Edwin Lutyns; Gilbert Scott; John Foster Jr.; Jesse Hartley; Walter Aubrey Thomas; Briggs and Wolstenholme; Willink and Thicknesse; Denys Lasdun; YRM; Gerald Beech; WilkinsonEyre; César Pelli; Piers Gough; Harvey Lonsdale Elmes; 3X Neilson \[slide show\]](#)- The Times (UK)

[Fitting squarely into skyline trends: New downtown buildings are saying 'look at me' in lights...Dallas' latest pieces of skyline bling.... – Morrison Seifert Murphy \[video link\]](#)- Dallas Morning News

[City sleeps as single-storey stores creep: ...not squander land with one-floor retail and junk food outlets. These structures, which highlight the growing suburbanization of the city, are inappropriate and wasteful. By Christopher Hume-](#) Toronto Star

[Dhaka University \(DU\) Defies Building Rules and Codes: Defacing the distinct features of architectural works...Though leading architects and academics expressed concern...authorities have never paid heed to their concern. – Muzharul Islam \(1954\) \[images\]](#)- The Daily Star (Bangladesh)

[In historic district, a conflict builds: A resident's plan to erect a two-story modern structure in Santa Monica's Ocean Park area riles neighbors. – Michael W. Folonis-](#) Los Angeles Times

[Prefab clout: Are Huf houses good enough to beat off their younger, cheaper rivals -- Huf-Haus; Scandia-Hus; Swedish House Company; Baufritz; Dan-Wood-](#) The Times (UK)

[At Billy Graham Library, Man and Message Are One and the Same: ...overall effect is not very illuminating, presuming devotion rather than creating it. – Jenkins, Hancock & Sides; Itec Entertainment-](#) New York Times

[In the key of Libeskind: From the architect behind the Michael Lee-Chin Crystal, a 16-foot-long piano may become a showstopper...ROM is also awaiting delivery of a stairwell chandelier... \[image\]](#)- Globe and Mail (Canada)

[Tourism Force: Wright Designs Draw as Many as 30,000: Florida Southern College's collection of Frank Lloyd Wright architecture...the world's largest collection of his architecture... \[images\]](#)- The Ledger (Florida)

[Evolution of an Enterprise. Chapter 27: GRN:BOX competition, sponsored by the Young Architects Forum and meant to bring unique recycling bins to downtown Springfield. – Mitchell/Mardis/theworkshop 308; Harrold/Dake-Wells Architecture; Hood/Selser Schaefer Architects \[images\]](#)- Springfield Business Journal (Missouri)

[California NAACP, Black Artists Protest Asian Sculptor for King Memorial: ...protesting the selection of a Chinese artist as the lead sculptor of a giant statue of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. in Washington, D.C., instead of a black artist. – McKissack & McKissack-](#) BlackAmericaWeb.com

[Kudos for campuses and condos: The major themes shaping urban development are on display in this year's UDI \[Urban Development Institute\] awards. By Trevor Boddy \[slide show\]](#)- Globe and Mail (Canada)

[Oil spill reaffirms how the place shapes us and we shape the place: ...I welcome two recent books that make the connection in fresh ways..."The Country in the City: The Greening of the San Francisco Bay Area" by Richard Walker; "After the Storm: Bob Walker and the East Bay Regional Park District" by Christopher Beaver... By John King-](#) San Francisco Chronicle

[Blogger Geoff Manaugh \[Bldgblog\] sees L.A. through the sights and sounds of Culver City: Its studios, geology, social scene serve as a microcosm of what makes the metropolis. By Christopher Hawthorne](#)- Los Angeles Times

[2007 American Architecture Awards Winners on View in New York: ...includes work by 34 firms: Among them, Olson Sunberg Kundig Allen Architects; Marmol Radziner + Associates; ArchLAB; Jonathan Segal Architects; Morphosis; and Pentagram Architecture; November 15-December 14...](#)- Interior Design Newswire

[Call for entries: Next Generation Architects and Pipers Award \(U.K. only\); deadline: December 14](#)- The Architecture Foundation (UK)



-- [Coop Himmelb\(l\)au: BMW Welt, Munich, Germany](#)
-- [Pascal Arquitectos: Mourning House, Mexico City](#)

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